

The Departmental Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of Customs and
Border Protection and Related Functions (COAC)

Executive Summary of Work for
Working Group on Antidumping and Countervailing Duties (AD/CVD)

The AD/CVD working group includes both COAC members and non-COAC members in order to provide a full range of views and input for the working group. The working group includes importers, customs brokers, sureties, U.S. manufacturers (including petitioners in AD/CVD cases), and legal representatives of importers and U.S. manufacturers. Representatives of the U.S. Department of Commerce and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations, have actively participated. Other experts from CBP have been brought in to provide updates to the working group.

The agenda of the working group has focused on four primary issues:

- Develop Public Outreach Education Plan
- Potential Use of single transaction bonds
- Impact of requiring cash deposits versus bonds for new shippers
- Case Coordination Efforts – informing the trade of any changes to scope with respect to dumping.

Much of the discussion has centered on how to increase the availability of information for importers and downstream buyers to increase compliance with AD/CVD import requirements. The CBP and other government representatives on the working group have also spent significant time updating the working group to help inform the working group and facilitate the development of the working group's recommendations. CBP has used the insights of the working group to enhance the AD/CVD information available on its CBP.gov website.

Several sessions have been devoted to updating the working group on CBP's ongoing initiatives in trade enforcement and U.S. Department of Commerce AD/CVD processes. A briefing was provided on CBP's proposed revisions to the form 5106, Importer ID input record, which were published in a Federal Register notice in October 2014. Other sessions provided information on the operations of CBP's Commercial Targeting and Analysis Center and the role of the Centers of Excellence and Expertise in AD/CVD enforcement. U.S. Department of Commerce representatives provided a discussion on AD/CVD scope rulings. These briefings assisted the working group in providing background information to develop the working group's recommendations.

The working group discussions have also helped inform CBP in updating the AD/CVD information available on CBP.gov. CBP has begun to enhance CBP.gov by providing a monthly AD/CVD Update on CBP's AD/CVD enforcement highlights. CBP also published a scam alert on CBP.gov to inform the trade community about email and internet solicitations from Chinese companies to purchase illegally transshipped goods in order to evade AD/CVD duties.

CBP looks forward to receiving the formal recommendations from the working group to assist CBP to enforce AD/CVD duties while facilitating legitimate trade.